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1. On 28 September 1952, the Infanterie Kaserne on the east side of Leipziger Strasse, Altenburg (N 51/K 27), quartered about 1,000 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 27 September, about 300 soldiers watched a game of soccer in the barracks yard. Loaves of bread were unloaded

 In the evening, two groups of about 45 unarmed soldiers each were seen marching in the barracks yard. Both groups sang while they marched. A military band of 11 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including one with artillery insignia marched from the Artillerie Kaserne on the west side of Leipziger Strasse to the Infanterie Kaserne via Leipziger Strasse on the morning of 28 September. About 90 percent of the quarters were lighted except for the northern most building which was only about 50 percent lighted.

2. On 28 September, the Artillerie Kaserne on the west side of Leipziger Strasse was occupied by about 450 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Three heavy prime movers were in the garages on 27 September. On 28 September, 27 officers and about 420 marched in review, organized in groups of 9 officers and 120 men and one group of 60 men. The three larger groups consisted of 20 files of 6 men each. Heavy prime mover was in front of the garage. The four quarters fronting Leipziger Strasse were only partially lighted in the evening.

3. On 27 and 28 September, 80 to 100 officers wearing artillery insignia were observed in the officers billets in the settlement on the west side of Leipziger Strasse and on the south side of Kopernikus Strasse. On 28 September, 11 officers with artillery insignia walked toward the barracks installations. Some of the billets were lighted after nightfall.

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4. During the period from 11 to 26 September, the Infanterie Kaserne on the east side of Leipziger Strasse was occupied by about 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 11 September, 146 officers and about 600 marched in review. A color guard of 3 officers, with one carrying the regimental flag, marched at the head. This group was followed by 18 soldiers carrying rifles and 21 other groups of 25 to 30 men each, armed

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